

35 USC 102(b)

As amended, the claims expressly do not encompass any antibody that specifically binds the MADM protein of the cited Howard et al. (1996, Biochem J. 317:45-50).

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if he would like to amend the claims to clarify the foregoing or seeks further clarification of the claim language.

We petition for and authorize charging our Deposit Account No.19-0750 all necessary extensions of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overcharges relating to this communication to our Dep. Acct. No.19-0750 (order B97-081-7).

Respectfully submitted,
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

14. (Amended) A composition comprising an antibody or antibody fragment which specifically binds a KUZ polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, and SEQ ID NO:8, and distinguishes and does not specifically bind bovine mammalian disintegrin-metalloproteinase (MADM).